

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 21 is pending in the present application. Claims 1-20 has been canceled. New claims 22 and 23 have been added. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite because the claim is not clear as to how specifying a file to be searched and replaced would result in an updated plurality of files. Applicant discussed a proposed amendment with the Examiner in an interview on April 28, 2009 and the Examiner agreed that the proposed amendment would overcome the 112 rejection. Claim 21 has been amended accordingly.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 103, Obviousness

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Narayanaswamy et al., U.S. Patent No. 7,069,553 B2 (hereinafter “*Narayanaswamy*”); in view of Chan et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,633,892 B1 (hereinafter “*Chan*”); further in view of Jackson, U.S. Patent No. 6,920,630 B2 (hereinafter “*Jackson*”). Office Action pp. 3-6. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In an interview on April 28, 2009, Applicant argued that *Sommerer* does not disclose preserving the order of the files because editing a file will change the order of the file. The Examiner disagreed and argued that the type of order is not specified and there are order types such as alphabetical order by filenames which would not change if a file was merely edited. Applicant has amended the claim to add the limitation “wherein the plurality of edited files have a different order and a different arrangement than the plurality of original files.” Applicant submits that the amendment clarifies that the edit to the updated files has changed the order and arrangement of the files.

III. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the cited reference(s) and is now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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